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1. The Hungarian brick and tile industry is working on a production program of 200 million tiles and 160 million bricks. This program has already proved itself badly planned, as the actual need is for more bricks and fewer tiles. In consequence, eleven brick factories which had stopped production, have been restarted in an effort to fill the gap. There are 180 brick and tile factories working at present, but only 56 are of real significance. These 56 are nationalized concerns.
2. Of this production program, 76 - 80% only can be completed, because of the following obstacles:
 - a. Inferior coal
 - b. Shortage of machines
 - c. Shortage of manganese and special steel (Csapagyacel)
 - d. Incorrect standards
 - e. Low wages.
3. Production by the larger factories is as follows:

| Factory | No. of Workers | Tile production daily | Brick production daily |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---|
| Szentlőrinc | 400 | 36,000 | 80,000 |
| Draschke at Obuda | 2,300 | 140,000 | 150,000 |
| Ojlaki | 1,400 | 80,000 | 150,000 |
| Egyesvelt Teglagyar | 800 | 50,000 | 100,000 |
| Salgotarjan | 1,000 | 70,000 | 120,000 |
| Keramia | 2,500 | 70,000 | 140,000 plus 40,000 Keramit and 15,000 Szilika. |

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4. Actual production cost:

Bricks per 1000 - 195 Forint
 Tiles per 1000 - 300 "

Selling price:

Bricks per 1000 - 206 Forint
 Tiles per 1000 - 325 "

5. The standard (Norm) for production per unit of 3 persons:

By hand - 1200 tiles per hour
 " - 2800 bricks per hour
 By machine - 2400 tiles per hour
 " - 5000 bricks per hour

6. Wage groups:

14 - 17 years: 50 - 70 Forint per week
 17 - 25 years: 69 - 90 " " "
 25 - 50 years: 80 - 130 " " "
 Skilled worker: 80 - 110 " " "
 Mechanic: 90 - 120 " " "
 Burner: 100 - 150 " " "
 Supervisor: 600 Forint per month
 Clerks: 400 - 700 Forint per month
 Head engineer: 700 - 1400 " " "
 MWP factory
 delegates: 1500 - 2000 " " "

7. The following high-priority orders for bricks and tiles have been placed, and deliveries are to be made in the near future:

- a. Machine and iron works at Mohacs and textile factory at Mohacs - 5 million bricks. (This is part of the plan to make Mohacs an industrial center within two years. Tractors, lorry engines and threshing machines are to be produced here. Four foundries are to be constructed for the iron works. Coal will be supplied from Pécs and iron ore from Salgotarjan.)*
- b. Molaj oil refinery at Szony - 1,500,000 bricks for the repair of war damage.
- c. Buildings for workers and Stakhanovites in Budapest and the provinces - 3,000,000 bricks.
- d. Repair of military barracks in Budapest and Szolnok.
- e. Extension of Zahony railway station - 1 million bricks.

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Comment:

work on the construction of the steel works at Mohacs has been suspended, owing to its proximity to the Yugoslav frontier. Twenty million forints had already been spent on this project. The works are now to be erected at Dunapentele (Y6/N36), 18 kms. north of Dunaföldvár.

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